

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for hands free holding of an article to hat, comprising:

5 a. a substantially stiff lower clamp for attaching to a hat comprising a bill and a crown that covers the head of a user, wherein the substantially stiff lower clamp comprises:

i. a shape contoured to match the juncture of the bill with the crown; and

10 ii. a first lower planar surface with serrated teeth designed to grip the underside of the bill and an upper planar surface to provide grip support integral with the first planar surface, also oriented approximately parallel to the first planar surface and adapted to removably attach to the bill;

15 b. a substantially stiff upper clamp integrally secured to the first planar surface, and wherein the substantially stiff upper clamp comprises a base engaging two arms, wherein an inner arm slides inside the crown one side resting alongside the head of the user and the other side resting against the inside of the crown, the surface of which has serrated teeth to hold the hat and an outer arm that is substantially parallel to the inner arm and is in a spaced apart relationship to the inner arm to removably attach to the crown;

20 c. a spring fixedly secured to the base of the outer arm and extending away from the base substantially parallel to and creating a spaced relationship from external side to removably secure an article; and

d. a soft outer clamp secured to the spring for additionally holding the article.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the lower clamp is a member of the group: metal, coated metal, rigid plastic, urethane and combinations thereof.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the upper clamp is a member selected from the group consisting of metal, coated metal, rigid plastic, rubber, foam, polyurethane, and combinations thereof.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the planar surfaces of each clamp is connected together
5 by mechanical means.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the left and right clamps are adapted to attach attaching to each side of the hat and hold an external device symmetrically.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the upper clamp comprises a curvilinear shape.
7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the inner arm comprises a shape of the contour of the
10 head of a user and the outer arm comprises a shape of the contour of the hat.
8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the lower clamp and the upper clamp are connected with a rigid mechanical connection or a flexible hinge.
9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the spring is a plastic spring or a steel spring.
10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the bill of the hat is a stiff protrusion from the portion
15 of the hat that covers the head of a user.
11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the soft outer clamp further comprises a cover.
12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the cover has teeth disposed on the side and the cover is made from a soft, foam-like material adapted to engage an external device.
13. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base comprises a shoulder to engage snugly the
20 outer cover.
14. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the soft outer clamp includes indicia selected from the group consisting of advertising, trademarks, identifying marks, ornamental structure, designs, patterns and artistic representations.

15. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base includes indicia selected from the group consisting of advertising, trademarks, identifying marks, ornamental structure, designs, patterns and artistic representations.

5 16. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the soft outer clamp consists of a clear material and the spring includes indicia selected from the group consisting of advertising, trademarks, identifying marks, ornamental structure, designs, patterns and artistic representations.